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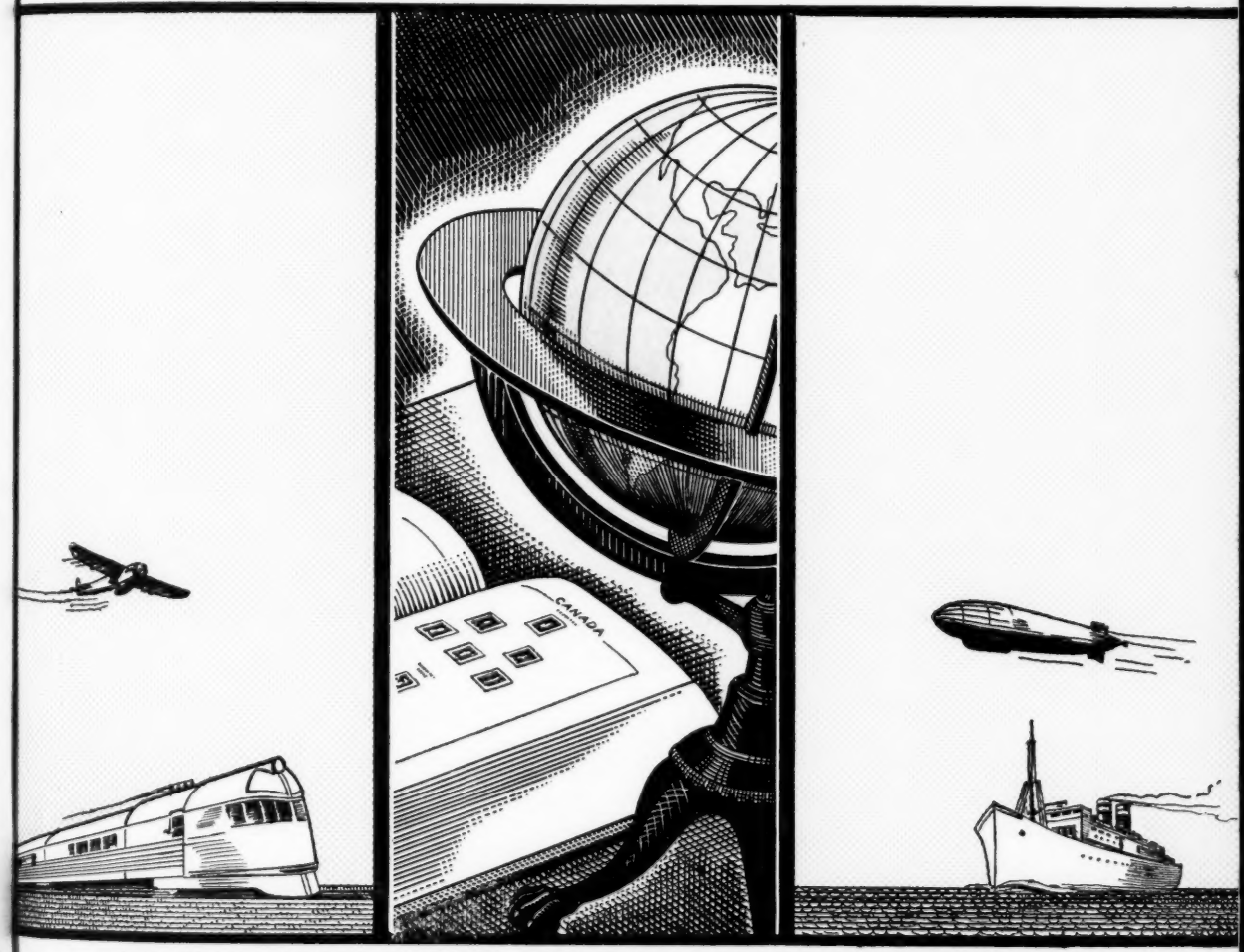

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The Troubles of King Cakebau

or

How Fiji Lost Its Independence

By DON HOUSEWORTH

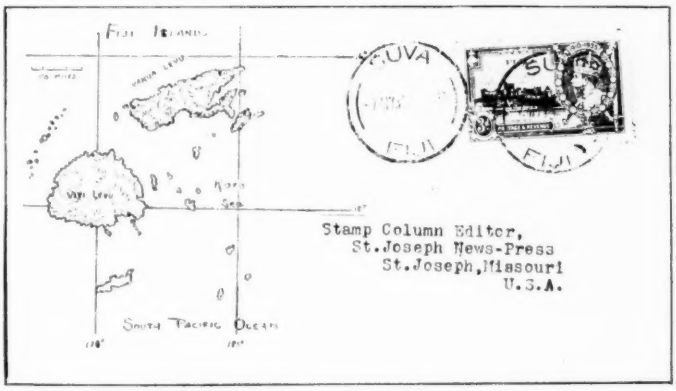
HAVING read at some time or another that there was a story connected with the annexation of the Fiji Islands to the British Empire, I recently wrote a friend who commutes between Suva and New Zealand for the facts in the matter. Before an answer could reach this country I picked some more information from an encyclopedia and by combining the official and the unofficial we get a yarn something like the following which may interest the stamp collector who wonders why more stamps of Fiji do not fall into his hands.

In about 1850 the native population of the islands, which are located to the eastward of Australia, were taking their first toddling steps into the realm of the white man's civilization. Some of the more progressive tribesmen were beginning to frown upon the custom of eating friends, relatives and enemies. The comparatively few white men who had elected to establish themselves in the islands, probably for selfish reasons, pointed out how inhospitable was the practice to welcome visitors only for those unfortunates to wake up in a frickasee. Disease was also being introduced and life in general was undergoing quite a change.

The king, whom my correspondent calls Cakebau but who is identified by the encyclopedia as Chief Thakombau, was also experiencing no end of difficulties largely as the result of the United States becoming interested in the islands and shipping a consul into those parts. He, the consul, remains unnamed but he probably was about as useful as many of the modern genus and so far as the encyclopedia is concerned this individual passes out of the picture after stirring up the muss. He was injured, says the encyclopedia, and the United States made a claim of $50,000 damages against Chief Cakebau. A $50,000 consul, you see, who probably was paid $30 a month and lost his job when the Democrats got in again.

Old settlers around Suva say that the encyclopedia authors are all wet and what actually happened can be attributed to the introduction of Old John Barleycorn to the peaceful South Pacific. The consul, it seems, undertook to celebrate the Fourth of July in typical American custom, imbibed too freely, set the consulate afire and in remorse over his deed blamed the whole thing on the natives. Uncle Sam put in his claim and Chief Cakebau was soon running in circles.

For at virtually the same time the Tongans began to move into the Fiji Islands and King George of that clan, put in a bill for $60,000 for services



This pictorial cover from Fiji, franked with one of the new jubilee stamps, bears a map of the islands which were acquired by Great Britain as the result of an unfortunate Fourth of July celebration many years ago. Surrounding the two principal islands in the group are scores of smaller ones which would scarcely be dots on a map of this scale.

rendered. There were no bankruptcy courts in those days south of the equator and the next best thing was to give the country to someone having enough money to pay off the heavy mortgage. Great Britain was the logical victim and Cakebau forthwith offered his islands to the government at London. But the English were not to be done in without a struggle and Cakebau was left to stew in his troubles for a few more years.

The old chief finally was prevailed upon to accept Christianity with the implied promise that the change in religion probably would improve his position. The charm failed to work and he again appealed to Great Britain and finally the United States to relieve him of his royal job. England still held aloof; the United States wanted cash, not cannibal islands.

But the arrival of more English subjects made necessary a solid government in the islands and England was finally forced to assume control of Fiji in 1874. So you see how a little thing like a Fourth of July celebration can alter the course of history. I have been unable to learn if the United States ever collected the $50,000 or if the claim went the way of the war debts.

Italy Issues Sports Stamps

A new set of three stamps of the values of 20, 30 and 50 cent have just appeared in honor of the "Littoriali" or sports events of the XIII year of the Fascist regime.

The face value of the set is quite low and should occasion no complaint on the part of collectors for Italian stamp issues of the past have been very attractive and beautiful and are welcome additions to the albums of collectors so long as the values are within reach of the average man.

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The President, Mr. F. R. Rice deserves to be congratulated on the excellence of the program and on the notable list of guests among whom were Clinton B. Eilenberger, Third Assistant Postmaster General; Roy M. North, Deputy Third Assistant; Robert E. Fellers, Superintendent of the Division of Stamps; Harold F. Ambrose, Chief of Information Service of the Postoffice Department; Herbert S. Chamberlain, Philatelic Agency Head; Alvin W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and Francis B. Leech, President of the American Air Mail Society.

With such a list of guests the event could not help being one that would long live in the minds of those who attended and the Club will doubtless be hard pressed next year to equal the record it set for its first annual meeting.

Garfield-Perry Stamp Club

The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland held its first meeting in its new club rooms June 7. The speaker and exhibitor for the evening was Oliver Wolcott of the Rubber City Stamp Club. One portion of his exhibition was a collection of letters written by generals and other prominent people connected with the Civil War. Most of the letters were written during the war and proved to be of great interest to the members of the club. Beside reading the letters Wolcott gave a short biography of each of the writers.

In addition he also exhibited some fine early United States, Patriotics and Territorial covers. Wolcott is an interesting talker and had studied his subject thoroughly thereby making this meeting a very interesting one.

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Even with the modern means of transportation at our disposal, it is hard to imagine that such speed was accomplished by man and beast alone. This was no sinecure, no mere case of fine animals and fine riding, no beautiful bridle paths, or hard surface roads to cover; but instead, a wilderness to cross, infested with savages always watchful and eager to break down the white man's attempt to conquer the western plains. Two hundred and fifty miles a day was the speed of the Pony Express; sometimes the almost unbelievable speed of 25 miles an hour was exacted from the wiry ponies as they raced with the wind along the Sweet Water, or gingerly followed the trail through the mountain passes.

There is no parallel in civilized history to this remarkable service. Its importance to the Union can hardly be estimated. Its importance as an incident in the development of our vast postal system is beyond computing. It stands as a classic, a standard of service to inspire modern postmen to greater achievements.

It is indeed unfortunate that our Government, while postally commemorating events of far less importance, overlooked the opportunity of a special stamp to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the Pony Express. It is likewise commendable that the Oregon Trail Memorial Association, a group of private citizens, have organized to carry on the work of permanently marking the Pony Express Route, that this historic episode shall not become a forgotten memory; and to the Oregon Trail Association must go the credit for remembering the Diamond Jubilee by arranging a series of celebrations along the Route so that this summer shall witness again the exciting times of 75 years ago when the news from home depended on the efforts of a wiry horseman and his willing beast. Once again the old Route will resound to the pound of ponies' hoofs; once more man and beast will match their speed against time; for this summer the Boy Scouts of America will re-ride the trail and seek to best the records established by the intrepid horsemen so long ago. Will they succeed in bettering the record? Who knows? Everything is in their favor, the roads are good, the trail is easy to follow; but even so, the Boy Scouts will find it no easy matter to ride as probably no man has ever ridden before or since.

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"Our Pony Express Diamond Jubilee began with a series of celebrations over the country staged on April 3rd, the 75th anniversary of the starting of the Pony Express. Observance of this historical event will continue until October 24th which is the anniversary date of the linking of the wires that made our first transcontinental telegraph. The plan is to co-operate with the Western Union which sponsored that first coast to coast telegraph in some of the celebrations. The telegraph and the Pony Express, of course, are very closely linked together. During the fall celebration we shall have the co-operation of the schools throughout the country. They will be in session at that time. I find that the interest is growing by leaps and bounds. We shall be able, I hope, to announce shortly some very significant events connected with this Diamond Jubilee."

As a major part of these celebrations, the Oregon Trail Association have commissioned the Coin Dept. of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company to strike an official medal in nickel silver, as a means of raising funds with which to construct permanent markers along the Pony Express route.

In the past it has been the custom for the government to strike commemorative Half Dollars which were sold to the public at from One to Two Dollars each. Because of the widespread interest in the Pony Express, the Oregon Trail Association, sponsors of the Diamond Jubilee celebration, have felt that these prices often excluded many from acquiring the commemorative mementoes and accordingly it was decided to price the official medal of the Pony Express Diamond Jubilee at 25c, thus making it available to every boy who revels in western lore as well as to his parents.

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It is noted that Precancels are given a classification under United States stamps. This is something that Precancel collectors have been fighting for in all large exhibits of the past and the inclusion of precancels is certainly a worth while matter.

Collectors who will be interested in making exhibits can obtain a copy of this advance program by addressing the Secretary, Rear Admiral Frederic R. Harris, 27 William Street, New York, N. Y.

Quarter Cent U. S. Stamp

The May issue of the Australian Stamp Monthly contains a brief note which if true is certainly of interest to collectors of United States Stamps.

It is stated that a one fourth cent stamp for postage use is to be issued expressly for use in St. Thomas and the other American Virgin Islands (formerly the Danish West Indies).

The Australian Stamp Monthly credits the news to "Stamp Collecting" an English publication, but so far as we are able to state at this time, the whole matter must be just another British joke.

Air Event Cachet

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The San Diego Stamp

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Much credit is due the engraver for his work in producing such an intricate bit of engraving yet we can not favor the choice of the subject because of the minuteness of the whole design.

We would have much preferred and could have admired a stamp on which the subject shown stood out boldly.

The original printing order was for 75,000,000, yet the stamp will doubtless be in demand in California throughout the entire length of the Exposition and it would be fitting that the Department at Washington keep them supplied, even should such a procedure mean a greatly increased printing.

Numerous handsome and attractive first day covers are at hand from many friends and the range of cachets and pictorial designs is quite wide.

Our thanks are due The Hill Top Stamp Co., of Los Angeles, for two attractive designs; Horace Gunthorp of San Diego for a cover bearing the Official Cachet; Dr. Wm. S. Bellows of Los Angeles; Wm. T. Raley, Washington, D. C., for a very beautiful cover; L. T. Stephenson, Fresno, Calif.; The Elm City Stamp Company; Albert Morvicz of Los Angeles and also we find that the New York American has again used the first day cover route to advertise their stamp page.

Fake Center Line Blocks of Farley Imperfs

The following is quoted from the Detroit Free Press of May 30th.

"Dr. H. J. Goodman, Detroit dentist, artist and stamp collector, was arrested Wednesday night on charges that he sold forged stamps through the mails.

The dentist denied the charge as Postoffice Inspector Dale Peterson locked him in Petoskey Police Station. He said that another man, whom he knew as H. Swart, asked permission to use his office address at 9609 Dexter Blvd. to receive his mail.

Advertisements bearing the name of H. Swart and the dentist's office address were inserted in two national magazines, Inspector Peterson said. The arrest was based on the complaint of a Toledoan who said that he bought two sets of forged center line blocks for $42.20 through the advertisements."

The American Stamp Dealers' Association, 501 13th St., N. W., Washington, D. C., announce that any collector or dealer who purchased imperforate center line blocks from H. Swart of Detroit, Mich., may submit same to the Association for expertization. Include original envelope in which the stamps were mailed to you if possible.

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U. S. REVIEW

THOMAS F. WHITBREAD
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Inquiries regarding U. S. Issues will be answered in this column. If a personal reply is desired enclose a stamped and addressed envelope.

Our request for information regarding the Wisconsin stamp has produced an abundance of material which we have read over and offer herewith for the benefit of Dr. Wilson and any other collectors who may be interested. Our thanks to Messers Alter, Halderman, Lettick, Parsons, Rademacher, Stone, Tesar and Tribe, and others for the information they so generously supplied.

The design for the Wisconsin stamp was taken from a painting by the noted Wisconsin artist, E. W. Deming. It represents Jean Nicolet landing at what is now Green Bay, Wisconsin. It will be noted that he is shooting a gun in the air with each hand, a token of his friendly intentions to the Indians on the shore, as he is now unarmed. Mr. William Carlos Stone, that grand old man of stamp collecting, adds the interesting note that Nicolet is wearing a Chinese Mandarin's coat, as he expected that he would land in China at the end of his journey. The painting is five by four feet in size and is now hanging in the Wisconsin State Historical Museum at Madison, Wisconsin.

Much of the history of Jean Nicolet's life has been lost. It is known that he was born at Cherbourg, France, about 1598. He accompanied Champlain to Quebec and worked there studying the Indians and their ways, in order that he might better be able to carry on the work of exploration and the ever constant search for the long-sought Northwest passage to China.

In 1634 Champlain sent him, accompanied by seven Huron Indians, on a trip of exploration in the West. They went through Lake Huron, then North by St. Mary's Straits and Mackinac into Lake Michigan and on to Green Bay.

Returning from this trip, in 1637 he married Marguerite, daughter of Guillaume Couillard. He was granted land near Quebec where he settled down. On October 29, 1642, while in a boat on the Saint Lawrence River, he was drowned, being survived by his widow and one daughter.

A photograph of the painting may be obtained from Mr. Charles E. Brown, Manager of the Wisconsin State Historical Museum, Madison, Wisconsin, for 55c postpaid. He also has two pamphlets about early French explorers in Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Tercentennial Celebration. These may be obtained for five cents each to cover cost of mailing.

Mr. Herbert F. Bowerman has shown us the latest in stamp 'boondoggery' if there is such a word. In any event, paper, when subjected to some chemical, just what we know not, shrinks. When applied to stamps the result is quite remarkable as the lines remain the same but reduced almost half in size. This seems, according to Mr. Bowerman, to happen only to purple stamps. Perhaps the chemical used affects the color of stamps other than purple. Will one of our chemist readers tell us more about the why and wherefore of this seeming phenomenon?

EDITORS NOTE: Black stamps if soaked in lye water will shrink in this manner. I have seen the 17c Wilson shrunk to almost half its normal size. Perhaps several immersions, drying and pressing the stamp between each will accomplish this result. It is also known that a stamp which has been through a fire where it is enclosed in a steel safe and subjected to great heat will shrink uniformly. A copy of a 5c 1847 stamp was first found in this condition.

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(Special to Linn's Weekly Stamp News)

Heard and Seen in Washington

After ninety days of sale, the Farley imperforates are now a closed book. There is no way of knowing yet to just what the total sales amounted. But the speculations have been many. Perhaps the closest estimate will be one made by some of the Post Office people, that of a million and a quarter dollars expended for these imperforates and uncut sheets.

The Agency was extremely busy the last week, although the closing day was not so busy as the day before. Last minute orders were received by various Washington people by telegraph, long-distance telephone and air-mail. A great many of these last minute orders contained extra requests for the 16-cent airmail-special delivery stamp. Apparently this is one of the items thought to be good for speculation.

Instead of closing promptly at 12, as is customary, a little extra time was granted window customers. While mail order customers also were given the courtesy of extra time, as announcement was made that orders postmarked as of June 15 would be honored.

AIR MAIL-SPECIAL DELIVERY

Such a grouping as the above four words, should mean the fastest service that Uncle Sam can give his customers in the line of speedy delivery of mail matter. Frequently we see items in the Postal bulletin calling attention of postal employees to be on the alert to see that all mail bearing the stamp with the Great Seal of the United States be given preference right along the line.

There seems little or no reasonable excuse for the postmasters and postal and employees to pass by these stamps. There is no other stamp like it. Most collectors feel that it is one of the most beautiful of stamps. It may be that the Postmasters will have to gather their employees together each morning and give a little pep talk about this stamp, or place large posters bearing the great seal around the office so that employees will become familiar with the insignia for speedy service.

It has even been suggested that since the employees have been passing up this stamp that a further pictorial be issued, with two parts to the stamp. One side would bear the picture of a messenger boy running and the other a picture of one of the mail planes. Such a stamp at a glance would start the postal employee on a rush to get that letter dispatched. Still it will be too bad if the only stamp of its kind should fall into disuse because of negligent handling.

San Diego—Finis.

As mentioned before, an upward revision for the San Diego first day sales and covers is necessary. The final figures have been reported now, with 357,200 as number of stamps sold and 214,042 cancellations.

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« Editorials »

A NATIONAL STAMP WEEK Our good friend Captain Townsend of Chicago tells us that the Gateway Philatelic Society of Chicago took steps at its last meeting to appoint a committee and lay plans for a National Stamp Week to be observed the first week in November. That would make the date November 3 to 9th.

We can heartily approve of the idea and believe that it will be a desirable plan that suggestions and plans for making the week an active and successful one in every city and town should be started at once.

We suggest that every collector who can suggest anything in the way of a plan to make the week a successful one should make his recommendations to us at once. We shall be glad to use our columns to spread news and information that will help other clubs and societies inaugurate plans for their city or town and in this manner the best thought and ideas of all collectors will be available to all.

We expect to make other suggestions and proposals in future numbers and believe that every club should actively get behind this movement. One good feature of the movement is that it offers every club an opportunity for something to work on and to keep up the enthusiasm of the membership over the summer months.

Let us all get behind this excellent idea and plan a National Stamp Week for November 3 to 9th, 1935.

ATHLETIC STAMPS Our article on Bridge Stamps has brought numerous letters to the Editor and gives us further evidence that collectors are interested in collecting along similar lines. We have some other copy on other branches of collecting which we will print soon.

In the June 8 issue of STAMPS there is an article on Athletic Stamps and it so happens that Columbus is blessed with a man who has taken up this branch of collecting.

Dr. Walter Duffee is associated with the Athletic activities of the Ohio State University and is therefore a qualified expert on athletics.

Dr. Duffee came into our office a few days ago and called our attention to the article referred to and stated that there was one error in it that should be corrected and that the same error had been made at other times and further that the Scott catalogue was in error on the stamp in question.

He referred us to Bulgaria No. 235. It is described as "Jumping". Dr. Duffee tells us that the stamp pictures an athlete doing the Bar Vault and that he is in perfect form. Legs together, toes turned out and with arm raised in the air.

It is thus shown that only by the guidance of experts can we hope to get the real facts about all our stamps.

FAKED CENTER LINE BLOCKS Walter May of Chicago suggests the old time method of detecting the genuine from the painted line center line blocks. It is of course understood that the Farley Stamps are engraved. Being engraved the inked lines stand up on the paper. In fact you can hold them level with your eyes and see the colored lines standing up from the paper, but Mr. May offers another plan that has never failed and that is to take a plain sheet of tinfoil, lay it over the lines and rub your finger over it. The impression of the lines will show in the tinfoil if engraved and will not show if it is a painted in line.

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D. BLAKE BATTLES, AKRON dealer, and Mrs. Battles, formerly Ann Schaefer, spent last week end with the Editor and Mrs. Linn.

Stolen Stamps

Raymond E. Parsons, 729 Cedar St. Camden, N. J., reports the theft from his home of a three ring binder album containing mint blocks of Commems, another containing Austria and Germany also single U. S. Commems etc. Also an Elbe Juniorette album containing U. S. Precancels of the U-13 type in a stock page on back of the album, one gray covered stock book and one brown covered stock book containing German inflation issues and U. S. Commems.

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L. I. Newton in the Precancel Bee gives a new idea in regard to specializing on Buro coils, singles. If you are growing tired of the regular run of new issues, etc., and have your collection as near up to date as possible, why not try it? What can the specialist make from all the different combinations of gaps and lines. Here is Mr. Newton's list of possible varieties.

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2. Gap on left.
3. Line on right.
4. Line on left.
5. Line-gap on right
6. Line-gap on left.
7. Gap on right, line on left.
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United States Commemorative Stamp Facts

The 2c Saratoga

This stamp was issued to commemorate the surrender of Genl. Burgoyne to Genl. Gates at Saratoga and the battles of Oriskany, Bennington and Fort Stanwix, later Fort Schuyler and now included in the city of Rome, New York. It was also urged to celebrate the first occasion that our flag was under fire (at Fort Stanwix, August 3, 1777) but there is a conflict of historical opinion as to whether the flag was then actually in use by the army.

The central design is taken from John Trumbull's painting, "The Surrender of Burgoyne," which hangs in the Congressional Library at Washington. This picture shows the flag flying over Gates' tent but on the stamp it was prudently omitted to avoid controversy.

The 2c—Surrender of Burgoyne—was issued on August 3, 1927, and is recorded only in carmine rose, with no known minor varieties. It is perf. 11, unwatermarked, and 25,628,450 were printed from plates 19061 to 69 and plate 19106.

First day covers are from Albany, Rome, Syracuse and Utica, New York, in spite of the fact that the official announcement again carried the statement of first day sale at Washington and at the Agency.

The Valley Forge 2c

In spite of the reverence in which Valley Forge is held in the minds of the American people, it was with great difficulty that the Pennsylvania delegation in Congress was at last able to get the Post Office Department to issue a stamp to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the winter which Washington and his suffering army spent there the winter of 1777-78.

The design is taken from the celebrated engraving by John C. McRae showing Washington kneeling in prayer to Almighty God and asking help for his ill clad, discouraged and hungry army that was being so terribly neglected by Congress.

The 2c—Washington at Prayer—was issued on May 26, 1928, perf. 11 and unwatermarked. It is recorded in light carmine, bright carmine and deep carmine lake, with no known minor varieties except a slight plate flaw on the left numeral. The total issue was 101,330,328, from plates 19493, 94, 95, 96, 97, 19500, 501 and 19502.

First day covers are, surprisingly, from Cleveland, Ohio, Lancaster, Norristown, Philadelphia, Valley Forge and West Chester, Pa. Again philatelists were shown recognition, with a special cancelation at the Midwest Philatelic Exhibition at Cleveland, and the other scattered locations are accounted for by the fact that Philadelphia was the nearest large city, West Chester the home of Congressman Butler, Norristown the home of Congressman Watson, and Lancaster the home town of both the 3d Asst. Postmaster General and Congressman Greist.

The Hawaiian Issue

These two stamps were issued in connection with the celebration in Hawaii in 1928 of the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the Islands in 1778 by Captain James Cook. Special stamps were urged for the event, but the Post Office Department finally decided to surcharge the current 2c and 5c stamps with the inscription "Hawaii" across the face of the stamps, with the dates 1778-1928 below, the surcharge being in black ink. They were only placed on sale at the post offices in Hawaii and, for the benefit of stamp collectors, at the Agency.

There is nothing whatever attractive about the stamps, but they have become decidedly scarce, due to the small numbers issued and to the fact that collectors and dealers did not store away large quantities of them while they were in use. Since their scarcity became evident several dangerous counterfeits of them have come on the market.

While they were decreed to be good for all ordinary postage many postal clerks seemed to be in ignorance of this fact and refused to accept them, or marked them "postage due" when found in the mail. They were also refused as being "precanceled stamps," which are not allowed on first class mail.

The 2c—Washington—overprint "Hawaii" with dates, was isued on August 13, 1928, rotary press, perf. 11 x 10½, no wmk. It is recorded only in carmine rose, there being numerous varieties of the overprint but only one real minor variety, a broken "1" in "1778" which makes it shorter than the other letters. 5,519,897 were issued, from plates 18983 and 84 and 19054 and 55.

The 5c—Roosevelt—also overprint in the same manner, appeared on the same date, there being no minor varieties, not even the spacing varieties found on the 2c. 1,459,897 of them were issued, from plates 18907 and 18908—a smaller total than even the 5c Norse-American.

First day covers are from Honolulu only.

Special Delivery—Crack

A correspondent who asks that his name and address be omitted calls attention to a cracked plate variety in the current 10c special delivery stamp.

The stamp is in the lower right pane of plate 19280 and is the fourth stamp from the bottom of the sheet on the right hand side. The crack runs through the N of TEN and C of CENTS. It is very distinct and can be seen without a glass. Eight sheets were examined, all that were in the postoffice and each sheet showed the variety, thus proving that it is constant.

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Other Silver Jubilees

While King George's silver jubilee has attracted more philatelic attention, it is not the first to be noticed by commemorating stamp issues. Roumania honored King Charles I in 1891 with five stamps; Bavaria produced two beautiful stamps in 1911 for Prince Luitpold; Bulgaria issued three in recognition of King Ferdinand's twenty-fifth year upon the throne in 1912; Italy honored King Victor Emmanual III in 1925 with two stamps; fifty-three varieties of stamps were overprinted to mark the silver jubilee of King Alphonso XIII of Spain in 1927. Probably the nearest approach to the recent philatelic extravaganza of the British colonies came in 1923 when Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands observed her twenty-fifth year on the throne. Holland issued eleven stamps; Dutch Indies, seven; Suriname, seven; and Curacao, seven.

—Don Houseworth

Rocket Mail

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By C. A. HUNTER, Syracuse, Nebr.

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Oroville, Calif. dedicated on June 1, 1935, and a cachet in black was applied to covers. It is square in shape with a diagram of the field and the date is rubber stamped below. This was supposed to be a two-day affair, has anyone seen covers for the 2nd? Thanks to C. E. Morris for one on this event.

Fort Pierce, Fla. dedicated their airport on May 25 with a printed box cachet in black. Informants reported this as being dedicated on the 27th, thereby causing a miss on it.

First day covers arrived for the San Diego first day and the new Canadian series first day. As usual covers bear some attractive cachet. The California Exposition stamp bears a picture of the grounds but has a rather crowded appearance and is not on par with the Connecticut issue. The Canadian series of the lower denominations bear the likeness of the King in an oval frame, rather a departure from the old style frame and pleasing. Thanks to Dr. O. A. Smith and New York American for California covers and Roy Hubbard for Canada first day.

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Most of the terms given above will cover the inscription "Via Air Mail" in the countries given. Some countries not listed use a variation of the term Correo Aereo or Par Avion. If the term "Par Avion" is used, nearly all countries understand it.

One of the features of the dedication of the $7,000,000 postoffice at Philadelphia, Pa. was the landing of an autogiro on top of the post office building. Airmail was carried from the airport at Camden, N. J. which is the official stop on air mail routes for Philadelphia, in the autogiro and a return trip was made later.

Late covers. One from H. C. Denegar for the California first day and one from Roy Hubbard from Manila, P. I. in commemoration of the advancing of Commodore Dewey to rank of Rear-Admiral for his victory at Manila Bay. Thanks, boys.

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UNITED STATES — Another Connecticut Variety. This variety has been known to many for some weeks and we should have noted same before, but somehow overlooked doing so; for the benefit of those readers who depend upon this column solely for complete data, we now note it. Upper right pane of plate #21395, stamp #4, shows a defective transfer in the cent mark on the right "3c". Cent mark very faint and a nick also shows in the "3". There is also a nick in the lower frame line in the space between the "3" and cent mark.

"Chips"

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—The two stamps, heralded in our notes of May 25th, in honor of the visit of President Vargas of Brazil, appeared on May 15th. 2,000,000 of the 10c and 1,000,000 of the 15c were printed. Clasped hands featured in the designs of each value. Perf. 13 x 13½, wmkd. RA in sun mult.:

10c carmine
15c blue

(A. H. Davis)

BELGIUM Exhibition Issue, heralded in our notes of May 18th. Portrait of Messire Fr. de Tassis, perf. 14. Printed from single plates, with wide margin all around:

5fr plus 5 fr olive black

(R. Roberts)

BULGARIA—New Postage. Perf. 12½:

A92—1L yellow green
A92—2L rose

(P. F. Koch)

CAYMAN ISLANDS—The new pictorial series, fully described in our two previous chronicles of Feb. 16th and Mar. 9th, have now appeared. Script wmkd., perf. 12½.

(R. Roberts)

COSTA RICA — Commemoratives coming. Marking the 300th Anniversary of the Patron Saint of Costa Rica, the following stamps will be issued and on sale the **three** days only, Aug. 1, 2, and 3, 1935:

5c & 10c—250,000 each
30c—200,000
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50c—100,000

(L. A. Russell)

FRANCE—Delessert Commemorative. In honor of Baron Benjamin Delessert, 1773-1847, naturalist and philanthropist, and largely responsible for the founding of the Savings Bank of France. Perf. 13, horizontal rectangular format:

75c light emerald green

New pictorial. Pictures St. Trophime of Arles. Perf. 13, vertical rectangular format:

3.50 fr dark brown

(P. F. Koch)

LIECHTENSTEIN—For the benefit of our readers, we note that the 90rp Official listed last week is Scott's type A58. Also the 5rp, 10rp and 20rp, listed in our issue of June 1st, are Scott's types A62, A63 and A64 respectively. The Air Post stamps chronicled last week are of different designs and probably will not be listed in Scott's 1936 catalog as type A6.

(P. F. Koch)

MEXICO—We are not certain at this writing what attitude will be taken with regard to the "Amelia Earhart" overprint on a limited quantity of the 20c air mail stamps, but for the information of our readers we note here some data concerning these stamps, received in the latest copy of the "Washington Stamp News". A total of 780 of the current 20c air mail stamps were so overprinted and it is reported that 480 copies were sent to the Postal Union; 95 copies were used on covers; 10 copies are being held by the Mexican authorities to be disposed of by lottery and 45 copies were sold at a Mexican post office. Where the remaining 150 are, is not at this time, known. It is reported that mint copies are being offered for $100.00 each, as well as covers carried by Amelia Earhart, for a like figure.

PARAGUAY—The two high values of the 1935 Zeppelin set, have now been received. Low values chronicled in our notes of May 25th; Undernoted overprinted same as previous values:

AP19—22.50P violet
AP19—45P blue

(H. G. Spanton)

POLAND—Mourning Stamp. Latest portrait of Marshall Pilsudski, surrounded with black border. Sheets of 100 (10 x 10), unwmkd. perf. 13:

25gr gray black

(R. Roberts)

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA—Silver Jubilee Issue. Printed alternately "South Africa" at top with "Suid-Afrika" at foot and "South Africa" at foot and "Suid-Afrika" at top Wmkd. springbok, printed in sheets of 120 (20 rows of 6), perf. 14, surface printed by rotary press.

½p deep blue green and black
1p rose carmine and black
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6p orange and green

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Information regarding new issues and notes of interest on all Precancels, other than Buro Prints, should be sent direct to the Editor of this column.

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This and That

A rumor has it that there is a stack of precancelled 3c Bi-Centennial sheets reposing in the Newark, O., post office. One of these days now we can expect them. Maybe. Another Canadian number. 0700 is from MONTREAL. Some unlisted Bi-Cents. Terre Haute, Ind., 4c U-14; Burlington, Vt., U-3 4c; Millas, Mass., 4c U-122.

Plate Number Collection

A letter from J. E. Janis of Akron, Ohio, includes four, and now I am wondering just how to arrange them. I lean greatly to the idea of bunching them according to denominations and pay no attention to what city they are from. Take for instance if the 10c comp. number began at 19,000 that would be the number one stamp at the upper left hand corner of the page. Then each one I got from a different town would go to the right of the first stamp on the sheet if it was from plate No. 19,000. 19,001 would be the first stamp under the above number and would constitute the second row. In other words each number would have a row. This is of course going on the presumption that six or seven stamps would be the most you would obtain in any one plate number. Such a system would necessitate a list of the different numbers, so one would know where to begin. I think such lists are available are they not? Let's hear your views on how to arrange a plate number collection.

What to Pay

Just what is a right price to pay for precancels. Right now the question mark rests after the Bi-Centennial issue. You note in the magazines offers from 2c to 4c per stamp for them, that is for individual collectors wanting them. Dealers ads in mixed lots run at these figures too, but when you start taking your pick from approval sheets that's something else again. Anywhere from 6c to a quarter or more. I heard one dealer say he could sell all he could get at from 10 to 15c and even up to 25c per stamp. Just who buys at these figures I don't know but I do know that they are buying the future of the stamps at these prices. For I don't honestly believe that ten years from now the Bi-Cents will be any more than that in price if that high and the purchaser will have actually lost money. Bi-Cents at ¼ catalog are not nearly as good a buy as Buro Prints at half catalog. Even 1/5 catalog for Bi-Cents makes them run from 5c to 20c each per stamp. All I can say is that they are worth more than ordinary precancels but not in the class of Buro Prints.

Gran Chaco War Ends

After three years of war between Bolivia and Paraguay, a truce was signed at Buenos Aires on June 12th and hostilities are to cease on June 14th. This war over a small bit of South American Jungle land has taken a toll of lives almost equal to the American battle casualties in the world war.

Numerous postage stamps have been issued which have a direct relation to the struggle between these two countries and collectors thus have a memento of the event which will remain in ther albums.

Tattooed Stamp Man

A German philatelic paper, "Die Briefmarkenhaendler," tells of the recent discovery of a most original stamp collection. An Italian sailor who was taken ill in Port Said and sent to a hospital was found to be tattooed from head to foot with stamps of all nations. The sick man, who was 32 years old, said he began "collecting" when he was 29, and intended to continue until he had "filled his album." — Australian Stamp Monthly.

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BROADWAY CHATTER

By BI STANDER

Now that Bolivia and Paraguay have stopped hostilities there should be more map stamps with changes in territories shown on the stamps.

To add to the other wars now in progress we now have the one between the Czechs and the Hungarians but this is a stamp war. Because the Czechs refused to honor the Hungarian 20 and 40 Heller stamps since they are inscribed in Italian with the words "Justice for Hungary," in retaliation Hungary has refused to accept letters coming from Czechoslavia having about the same denominations thereon. Hungary feels friendly toward Italy, which is supposed to be supporting Hungary's claim for treaty revision, hence the Italian words on Hungary's stamps.

On June 11th the New York Postoffice at an auction sale will sell 409 unclaimed articles that have accumulated in the General Postoffice, 8th Avenue, 31st to 33rd Street. This is one of the most interesting sights we have seen and sometimes bargains are picked up, but we have not heard of any in stamps. Dealers of various kinds attend and much fun is had by all, as a rule.

The Government should put a collie dog named Cal on its payroll. It meets a mail carrier Al Meyer and goes over the mail route every day in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and on Sundays and holidays when Meyer is at home this dog makes the rounds alone and barks loudly for the mailman. This has been going on for four years.

We confess we like to drop in on Max Ohlman and pass the time of day with him at his office at 116 Nassau Street. His auctions are replete with stamps of every kind and if we had the time we would go over every lot before each sale. The repartee going around this office before, during the sale and after keeps us in stitches, and if Rose Cooper, Mr. Ohlman's assistant is ever called upon again to become an auctioneer on a moment's notice, we hope we will be there, for we feel sure that Rose could sell the Brooklyn Bridge if called upon to do so.

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